



Route 47 New Missouri River Bridge, Franklin and Warren Counties

Why is a new bridge needed?

The Route 47 Missouri River Bridge needs to be replaced because of its deteriorating condition as it is a vital link for the communities on both sides of the river. Opened in 1936, the bridge handles about 11,000 vehicles each day. The existing bridge has narrow lanes with no shoulders. It has restrictive weight limits and requires a regular cycle of rehabilitation work. The proposed new bridge would provide safer and more efficient travel for many motorists traveling between Franklin and Warren counties.

What are the details of the new bridge?

The new bridge will have one 12 foot lane for each direction and 10 foot shoulders. It also includes a 10 foot multi use trail on the upstream/west side of the bridge. The multi-use path will connect to the KATY trail in Warren County by using the new wider paved shoulders along Route 47.

What are the enhancements to the bridge?

MoDOT engineers have worked with the local elected officials and community leaders on the aesthetic details of the bridge. The community is raising funds to add decorative lighting, railing details and landscaping to the new bridge. The enhancement funding must be secured by August 2014. Details of the enhancements are available on the project website at www.modot.org/stlouis click on the link to the Route 47 Bridge.

When will construction begin?

Construction bids are scheduled to be opened in September 2016. Construction should begin in January 2017. The new bridge should open by Fall 2018 with full project completion by Summer 2019.

For more information:

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